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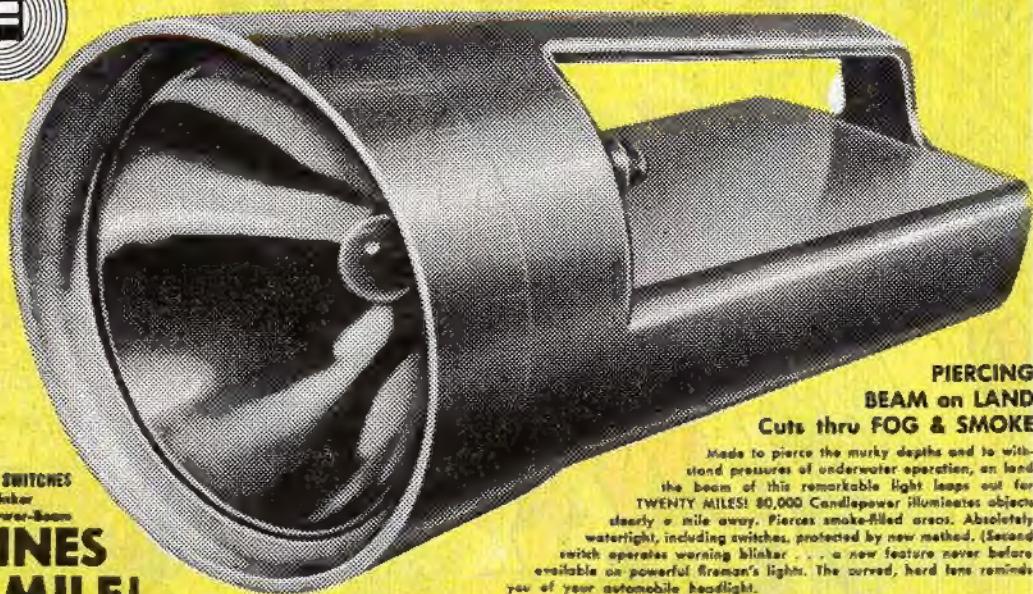
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I AM CERTAIN ICEMAN DID NOT LIE TO ME WHEN HE SPOKE OF MAGNETO'S EVIL HISTORY! BUT, EVEN SO, I HAVE LITTLE CHOICE LEFT TO ME!

HIS GOAL IS CLEAR... TO OVERRULE MAGNETO AND MAKE HIMSELF EMPEROR OF THE MUTANTS! I WISH MY OWN COURSE WERE AS CLEAR!

THE MAN IS MY FATHER! EVIL AS HE MAY BE, I CAN NOT FORGET THAT HIS BLOOD RUNS IN MY VEINS! I MUST DEFEND MAGNETO WITH MY VERY LIFE!

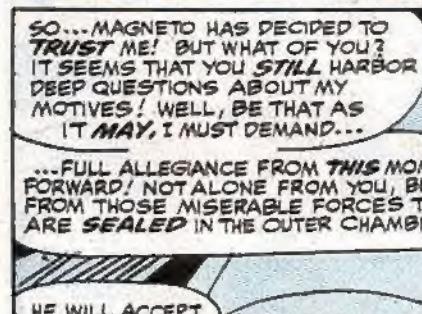
STOP WHERE YOU ARE! I AM THE DAUGHTER OF MAGNETO! THE POWER THAT IS HIS IS ALSO MINE TO COMMAND!

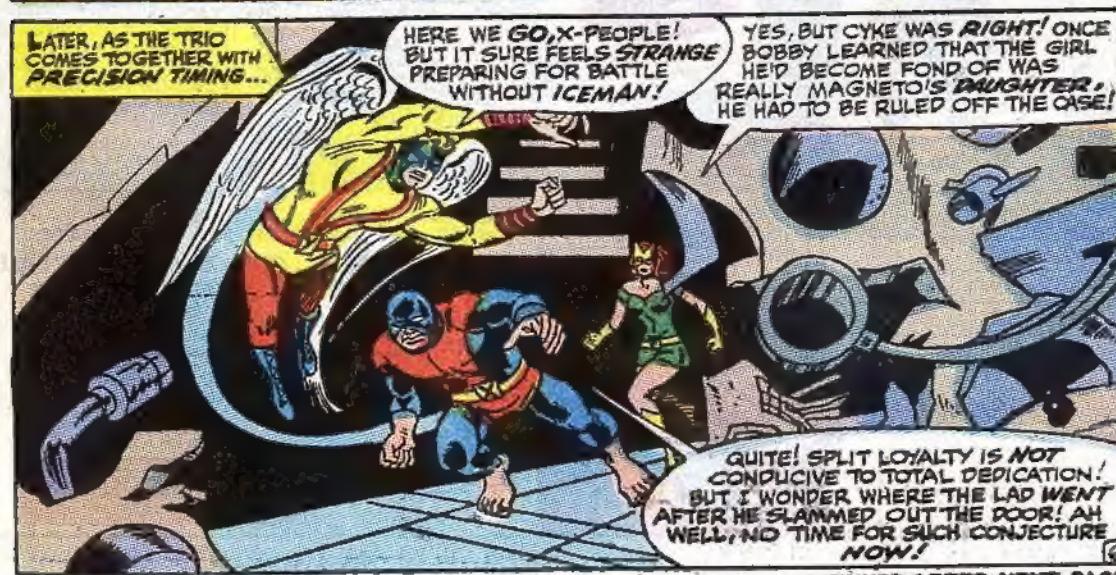
ADVANCE ONE MORE STEP AND I SHALL HAVE TO KILL YOU! DO NOT MAKE ME DO THIS THING, ERIK THE RED! I WILL BE TRULY SORRY... BUT YOU WILL BE NO LESS DEAD!

DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT SIMPLE TO TURN YOURSELF INTO A COLD-BLOODED KILLER? NEVER MIND--

...I DID NOT COME HERE TO DEBATE MORALITY! I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!

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...THERE CAN BE NO DISPUTING THIS POINT MESMERO! UNTIL MY FATHER COMMANDS US AGAIN, ALL OF US SHALL OBEY ERIK THE RED!

IS THIS THE PAYMENT FOR THE TOTAL DEVOTION I LAVISHED UPON YOUR FATHER? AM I TO BE CAST ASIDE FOR THIS USURPER?



YET IF MAGNETO SO COMMANDS I HAVE NO CHOICE! FOR HE IS THE ONE TRUE ARCH TECT OF OUR DREAM OF DOMINATION!

YOU ARE WISE TO ACCEPT THIS FATE! NOW LEAD YOUR MEN IN A SCOUTING EXPEDITION OF THE OUTLYING AREAS! THE X-MEN WILL SURELY RETURN...AND WE MUST BE ON TOTAL GUARD!

I SHALL BE DONE! BUT DO NOT MISTAKE MY FIDELITY TO MAGNETO FOR FEAR OF YOU!



I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH HIS DECLARATION OF DEVOTION TO MAGNETO! IT IS BEST THAT I KEEP HIM UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE!

DO WHAT YOU THINK **BEST!** I WILL REMAIN WITH MY FATHER AS HIS LAST LINE OF DEFENSE! ERIK...BE CAREFUL!



RECOGNIZE THIS FINITE TRUTH, MY DAUGHTER! NEITHER IS WORTHY OF OUR TRUST! HENCEFORTH, YOU AND I CAN TRUST ONLY ONE ANOTHER! THAT IS OUR FATE...TO RULE THE WORLD IN LONELY SUPREMACY!

THERE THEY GO... MESMERO AND HIS FUN-LOVING COBRAS! NOW'S OUR CHANCE! WE CAN...

...FINISH THEM OFF RIGHT NOW...BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT'S HIT THEM! LET'S GO, FRIENDS!

NO! CYCLOPS WORKED OUT THIS OPERATION TO THE LAST DETAIL! WELL STICK TO THAT SCHEDULE!



WHY DO I SENSE THAT HE IS UN-LIKE THE OTHERS OF THIS BAND? HE DOESN'T EXHUME THE STRANGE EVIL VIBRATIONS THAT EVEN MY NEW-FOUND FATHER TRANSMITS!

IS THAT WHAT I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO UNTIL THE END OF TIME...A LOVELESS LIFE OF IMPERIO'S SWAY BESIDE THIS STRANGE MAN?

BE CAREFUL, MY CHILD...FOR I AM AWARE OF YOUR MOST SECRET MUSINGS!





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AYE! LET US SEE HOW THE EAGLE SCARS WITH LEADEN WINGS!

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SHOT OF MUTANT ENERGY...SEARING RIGHT THROUGH ME! MESMERO...STRUCK FIRST!

COUNT AGAIN. MESSE: ANGEL WILL STILL BE DODGING DO-BADDERS WHEN YOU'RE CHIEF STOKER IN THE DEVIL'S BOILER ROOM!

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME, MESMERO! AND THE BLADE EDGE OF MY THOUGHT WAVES!

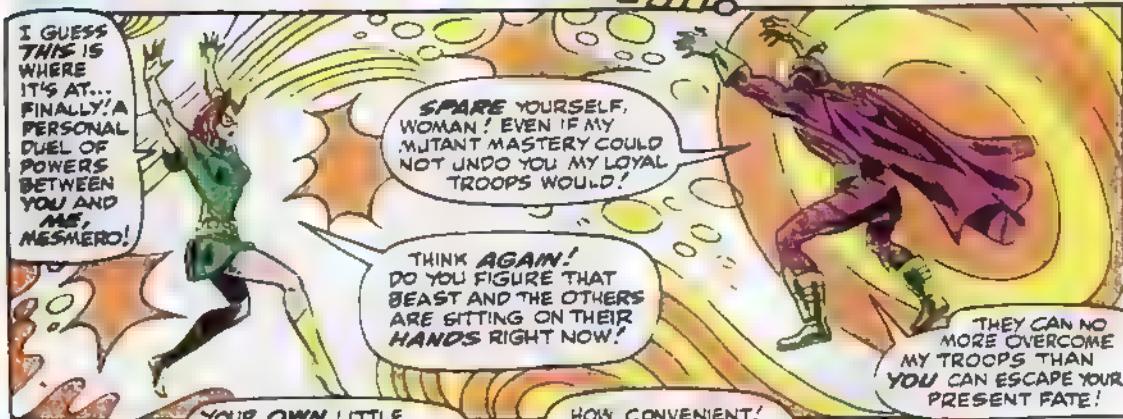
YOUR BODY CAN NOT LONG STAND THE IMPACT OF RAW MUTANT ENERGY! THIS IS YOUR FINAL MOMENT, ANGEL!

LET US SEE HOW BRASH YOU ARE AS ALL THE FIRES OF VULCAN SEEK YOUR BRAIN!

GRZZZ

...CUTS JUST AS DEEP AS ANYTHING YOUR EVIL ENERGIES CAN DO! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE IT AS WELL AS YOU SPOON IT OUT!

YOWWW!



BEGOD, MY CHILD!
ALL THESE YEARS
OF CAREFUL
PLANNING AND
TRAINING...

...THREATENED BY
MY MORTAL ENEMIES
...THE X-MEN!

THEY WILL NOT
REST UNTIL I
AM UNDONE AS
WELL AND ONLY
YOU CAN PRE-
VENT THAT

HOW SAY YOU
THEN, GIRL? WILL
YOU LET ME BE
TURNED INTO
DRIEST DUST?

HOW COULD I SAY OTHERWISE?
WHATEVER THE MAN IS—PROPHET
OR MANIAC, HE'S STILL MY FLESH
AND BLOOD! THE GENES WE SHARE
COMMAND ME MORE
THAN LAWS AND
ETHICS!

I... I
HAVE NO
CHOICE! I... I
WILL DRIVE OFF
THE X-MEN,
FATHER!

LORNA!
WAIT! YOU'VE
BEEN
TRICKED!
I CAN PROVE
IT!

ICE MAN! AND YOU'RE
BOBBY AS WELL, AREN'T
YOU?

BUT YOU'RE SO
PALE AND WEAKENED? WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO YOU?

IT'S A LONG STORY
BUT I WILL WAIT.
I WENT TO
YOUR HOME
QUEST-
IONED
YOUR
FOLKS!
READ
THE NEWS-
PAPER,
FLES!

THE NEWS-
PAPERS? BUT
WHY? AND YOU
KNOW NOW
THAT THEY'RE
NOT MY REAL
PARENTS!

THAT'S RIGHT, BUT
NEITHER IS MAGNETO!
HE'S CONNED YOU!

WHAT?!

I KID YOU NOT! YOUR
PARENTS WERE KILLED IN
A PLANE CRASH ONLY
WEEKS AFTER YOU WERE
BORN! YOUR FATHER'S
SISTER AND HER HUSBAND...

...BROUGHT YOU UP, BUT THEY WERE
AFRAID YOU'D BE HUNG UP WHEN
YOU LEARNED YOU WERE ADOPTED
SO THEY NEVER TOLD YOU! MAGNETO
SPOTTED YOUR MUTANT POWERS...

...AND WHEN HE SNIFFED OUT
YOUR TRUE STORY HE SET OUT
TO CONVINCE YOU THAT YOU WERE
HIS DAUGHTER! I'VE GOT
AFF DAVIS TO SUPPORT IT
ALL!

WAIT! WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?
COME BACK!

NO! I'VE GOT A
SCORE TO SETTLE
WITH MESMERO AND
MY... DARLING
DAD!

THEN I'M NOT THE
QUEEN OF THOSE
TWISTED BEINGS?

HOW COULD YOU
BE SWEETHEART?
THERE'S NOT AN
EVIL BONE IN
YOU!

OH, BOBBY!
YOU'VE LIFTED
SUCH A CRUSH-
ING STONE
FROM MY SOUL!

MY COMPATRIOTS, I DO BELIEVE OUR BACKS ARE LITERALLY TO THE WALL! THAT LEAVES US BUT ONE OPTION ... FIGHT!

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT OUT! LOOK! THEY'VE GOT A GUN TO ANGEL'S HEAD!

PRECISELY, CYCLOPS! AND WE HAVE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT USING IT IF YOU REFUSE TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE!

BUT, IN ONE BLINDING INSTANT, THE TABLES ARE AMAZINGLY TURNED...

MORE THAN THAT -- I SAY WE USE IT ON THEM, WHETHER THEY RETREAT OR NOT!

GRIZZLY

MY DAUGHTER -- HAVE YOU GONE MAD? YOU ARE AIDING THOSE WHO WOULD CRUSH YOUR OWN FATHER TO THE GROUND!

AND SO I DESTROY YOU ... WITH THE VERY POWER THAT YOU HELPED ME TO DEVELOP!



I HAVE NO FATHER! HE WAS CRUSHED TO EARTH LONG AGO ... IN AN AIRLINER! YOU INVENTED THE CRUELEST LIE OF ALL ... TO STEAL MY MUTANT POWERS!

AND SO, AS THE EVIL MUTANTS SINK INTO THE SEA, WE SAY GOODBYE TO PARASITE ISLAND...

SAVE THE QUIPS! THE GREATEST ROGUE OF ALL IS STILL ON THE LOOSE! FOLLOW ME!



A MOMENT LATER, IN THE EMPTY CHAMBERS OF MAGNETO HIMSELF...

TOO LATE, LOLLIPOPS! MAGNETO'S DONE A DISAPPEARING ACT! AND...LISTEN! A TAPE MESSAGE!

FAREWELL, MY NOBLE ADVERSARIES. ONCE MORE I HAVE MADE THE CRUCIAL ERROR OF UNERRING YOUR RESOURCEFULNESS! BUT I PROMISE YOU IT SHALL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN FOR... IN SIXTY SECONDS... YOU WILL BE BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME!

THAT'S ABOUT THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOKS! HE BUZZES US INTO CLEARING OUT OF HERE... WHILE HE AA TS O'S DE WITH A PISTOL OF TNT!

NO! HE DID ME THIS ENTRE PLACE. I CAN SENSE IT! MENTAL BRAINS REMAIN IN THE ROOM. RUN... ALL OF YOU!

REGARD OUR INVALIDED CONFRERE' HE HAS AN IMPRESSIVE TALENT FOR CHOOSING BEAUTIFUL NURSES!

IF YOU'RE RIGHT, MARVELOUS MSS. YOU'RE SAVING OUR SKINS. BUT IF YOU'RE WRONG... WE'RE ROLLING STRAIGHT INTO MAGNETO'S TRAP!

COMPETENT ONES TOO HANK! HE'S RECOVERING VERY QUICK-Y!

OKAY JEAN... OUR HATS ARE OFF TO YOUR MENTAL MAGIC! A-HOLE IT... OUR HEADS WOULD BE OFF!

RIGHT. NOW HOW 'BOUT SOME MORE MUSCULAR THERAPY... AT THE FRISKOTEQUE?!

FROM HERE ON I EXPECT SEVERAL MAJOR RELAPSES!

THIS IS ONE PARTICULAR CONVALESCENCE THAT I'M NOT GOING TO HURRY. IT'S TOO DARN MUCH FUN... R'IGHT, LORNA?

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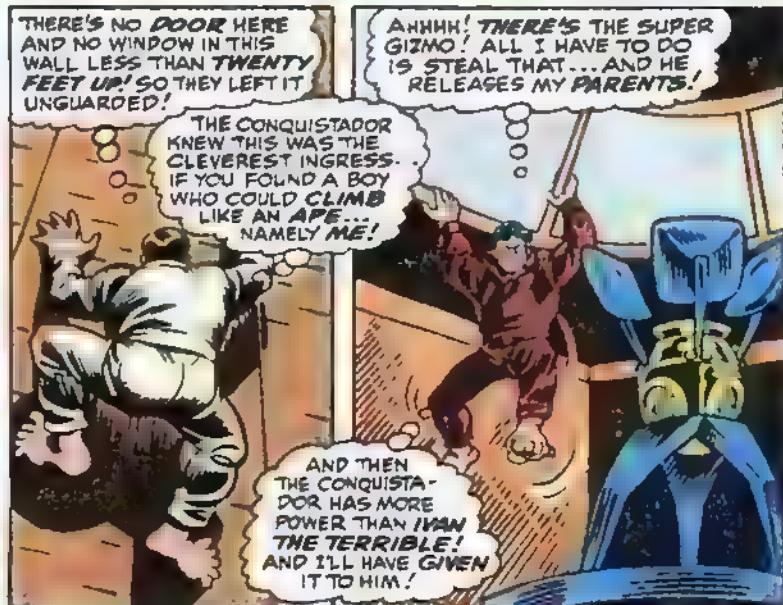
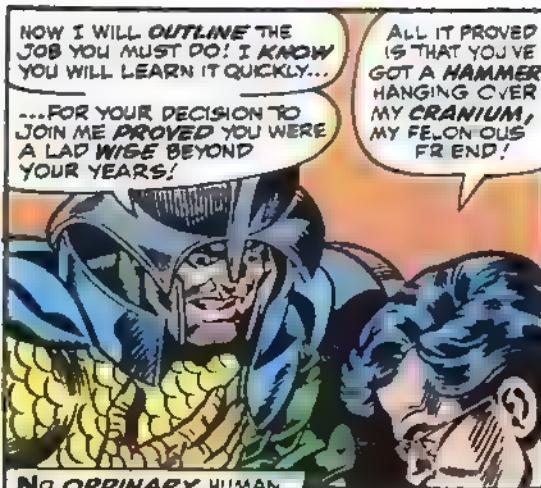
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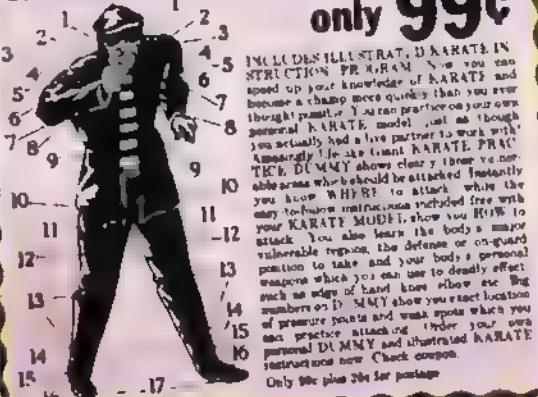
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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim:

When I first read Marvel's latest brainstorm, I thought it wouldn't work! Who would write in a letter putting down a fellow true believer? Well, I answered that for myself when I let my latent mutant powers be aroused by Mr. Flynn's letter which was printed in the October issue of X-MEN! That is why I direct the rest of my letter to him. Although I agree with some of what you wrote, Tom, I have reason to believe you are a spy who is trying to circulate false propaganda in an effort to keep Marvel from taking over the world! My suspicions are not without supporting clues which I shall list: (a) You used the term "Brand Echh" when all Marveldom knows that Stan called off such name calling because of childishness! (b) Twice you spelled Cyclops wrong! That is unless Cyclops is a new brand of sneaky police and Cyclops is their arch-enemy! c) You voiced an absurd and unfounded suspicion that the demise of the X-Men was near! Every true X-Men fan knows they are too good to be "killed off" as you so quaintly put it! Just because the Bullpen likes to experiment with new titles and ideas after all experimentation is one of the things that makes Marvel a breath of fresh air! doesn't mean they're going to continue the magazine! In closing, I would like to say that I don't really count your spelling against you! All it takes is a glance at mine to prove everybody makes mistakes!

Glen Quasny, 1343 S. Donna Beth
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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim:

A few words concerning covers. Just saw and enjoyed Jim Steranko's cover for X-MEN #49, in my opinion, it is second only to the Kirby cover on X-MEN #11, my favorite of all X-MEN covers. I was glad to see the original "X-Men" logo returned and I thoroughly approve of Mr. Steranko's integration of the logo with the entire cover's graphic content—note the continuation of the X's cross line down the Angel's head and torso through Iceman, and the counterline of the Angel's outstretched left arm his left which continues across Scott's shoulders. This forms an X of its own and scores a neat graphic pun for Mr. Steranko. I applaud such incorporation of the total cover into a well thought-out composition. I would also like to compliment Mr. Steranko for his rendering of those little splash frames you always include in the Marvel Comics Group trademark. Too often this little device of yours tends to detract from the aesthetic unity of the cover by competing with the main focus of interest or by shifting too much weight to the upper left hand corner. In fact, I was beginning to believe that it could never add much to the beauty of your covers until Steranko showed me differently on SHIELD #4—again by treating the cover as a total rather than as a collection of loosely relating visual parts. Also, I like your latest trend toward less wordy covers (let the artwork portray the drama, please). And the recent shrinking of the Comics Code seal has helped remove a longtime unsightly blemish (albeit good business) from the cover in general. Barry Bernard
Portland, Oregon

Dear Stan:

What with your wholesale shift of authors and artists, I can't keep up, so I'll just address this to you and you can bask in the sunshine or sulk in the darkness of my complaints. The X-MEN #49 featured all five X-Men in action together—hooray! I did enjoy the various team-ups, but missed the Angel. X-MEN #49 also featured the old familiar logo. Steranko's cover proves that he can draw any Marvel creation with ease. The only X-Man that didn't look right was the Beast. This was because of the golden gloves he was wearing. Everyone knows the Beast doesn't wear gloves. The story was fairly good, and the idea of Magneto tutoring a Mutant in the art of evil in case he himself should perish was kinda enjoyable. Mesmero was quite different. More of him in the future, please. Now then, I am eagerly anticipating #50 in which we find out the "Truth about Lorna Dane." I certainly hope that she doesn't turn out to be despicable, because I feel that she and Bobby could have something between them and if they don't, they should have. Besides, she's better looking than Marvel Girl, which makes her the best-looking person in the whole mag. Once more I have gotta exit double-time, so for now I leave you with these imperishable words "Go Marvel!"

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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim:

This letter is to Vic Rosello to explain issue #49. As you can see, Angel is moving at a very fast speed. His wings are white, right? Of course. The background is white, right? Of course. Well, Angel was moving at such a speed that his wings blended into the background there. I only have one thing to say about X-MEN #49, the plot was great, but the art on the cover, I didn't like at all. Beast doesn't have enough toes, Angel has too many bands around his wrist, Marvel Girl's fingers and feet are all pointed, and Cyke and Iceman look like something out of NOT BRAND ECHH, but the rest of issue 49's art was great. Sorry about that, Steranko, but I just didn't like it. I think that's half said.

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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim:

I, for one, have always felt that the X-MEN was one of your greatest magazines — in potential. However, it never even came close to realizing this potential until quite recently. While under its past artists and writers the stories weren't half bad and the art was passable, that's about as far as they ever went. The X-MEN fought the Maggia and the Mimic instead of evil mutants. They usually lasted about one page in a fight before they were knocked unconscious by such deadly villains as a Mexican bolo artist and an Adaptoid with a sleep arrow. And despite the big "change" in issue #27, their costumes remained as drab as ever. Oh, the public was as wary of mutants as when Stan scripted the story of the Sentinels, but this fact was never accented in the stories. The X-Men were hidden in darkness fighting the mutant Cobalt Man — or in a subterranean cave, battling other evil mutants such as Tyrannus and the Mole Man. Yes, it was a pretty dull world for mutants, until issue #37 hit the stands. Then things finally started moving, slowly at first. The finish of Factor Three was quite excellent, and a new little feature was added to the mag, "Origins of the X-Men". Don Heck was added to the art team, and the covers and the art began to brighten up. The new costumes added color, while the death of Professor X added realism. Finally, Magneto returned, the X-Men split up, Cyclops battled Quicksilver, and the Angel met a new birdman, the Red Raven. And now, with the latest issue, #49, the X-Men are finally reaching closely towards their potential. First we have a fantastic cover by Steranko (of course, the Beast doesn't wear yellow gloves, but why worry about minor coloring errors?), and promise of a future story by Steranko. The inside story looks good. Our scattered mutant band is drawn together logically, with an insight into the lives of the Beast and Iceman thrown in. Although Magneto doesn't return, the next best thing happens: and we have his pupil, Mesmero, who has one of the best villainous schemes yet; to bring together the latent mutants, and place them under his power. Next is introduced one Lorna Dane, who I suspected would play a greater part in the story than seemed at first. In fact, there was only one thing wrong with this issue. We were promised the origin of the Angel, my personal favorite, way back in issue #47. When do we get to see the Angel's origin? At any rate, the X-Men have almost reached their potential.

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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim:

This may sound a bit repetitive, but congratulations! In my last letter concerning the X-MEN magazine, I congratulated you on completely wrecking the X-MEN, as I'm sure that was your intention. Now, I congratulate you on almost completely rebuilding said magazine in the space of one issue. I said almost, mainly because you still had the X-MEN in those silly new costumes, and also because Mesmero and his henchmen looked sort of ridiculous in those costumes of theirs. Give Mesmero a better costume and you'll have a villain capable of taking on the X-MEN all by

himself. There were a number of really good things about this issue, starting with the cover. Jim Steranko, on the basis of this one cover, proved himself to be the best artist for the X-MEN. Have him draw the X-MEN regularly, even at the cost of the plot for SHIELD. This is an order! He's the only one who can draw the Angel's wings really well, make Bobby look like an ice cube instead of a piece of slush, and make the yellow and green of Jean and Warren's costumes compliment the colors of Hank and Scott's costumes. After we finish admiring the cover, we go on to the inside of the mag! (This should be extra loud to catch the attention of any scragglers that are still admiring Jim's cover.) Inside we find a very good story, including a good sound plot, a sub-plot good enough to make Shakespeare jealous, the seeming return of Magneto, and the origin of the Beast: in 20 pages of action the like of which hasn't been seen since the introduction of the Inhumans. Take a bow, Arnie. The art could have been better, and it will be in the future if Jim Steranko takes over the art chores. (hint, hint, hint!).

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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Dan:

Yep, I knew you'd have to do it! The X-MEN were made to work as a team, and separating them only hurt them. I'm glad to see them back together. It's very interesting now that Marvel Girl is by far the most powerful member of the team! That's a first, and I'd like to see it brought out. It seems that the X-Men should revolve around Jean as they did around Professor Xavier. Steranko's cover was good, but to tell you the truth, I'd rather see the inside artist do the cover. Another funny thing was that the inside layout seemed to have a touch of Steranko, especially in places like page 7. Maybe it was just psychological. Overall, the art again is great and the story line seems to be picking up, and it seems that the X-MEN are ready for a comeback! E Pluribus X-Men!

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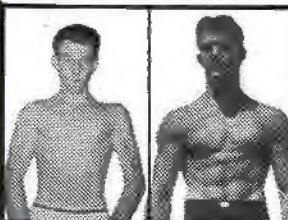
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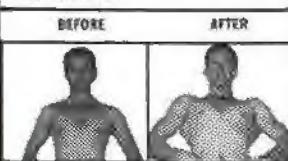
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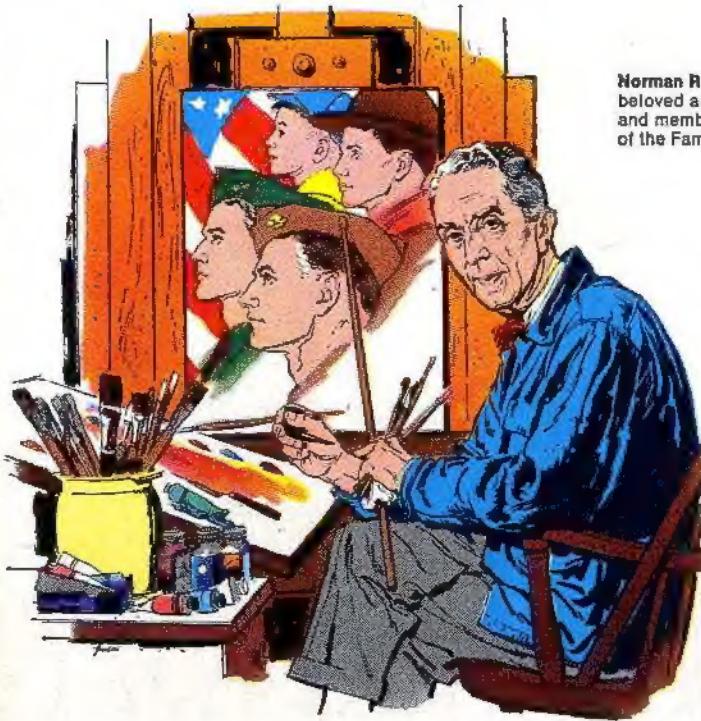
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